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REMARKS

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1. The Klein Kuehnau - Aken road has been blocked to civilian traffic since 15 July 1951. Particularly intensive traffic of military vehicles was observed between midnight and 2 a.m. The following movements toward Aken on this road were observed between 23 and 27 July: a convoy of more than 50 motor vehicles [redacted]

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[redacted] a convoy of 4 vehicles [redacted]

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2. The former Junkers-Werkheim Nord at Dessau Kuehnau (M 52/E 17) after it was reconditioned, was taken over by an advance detachment of an engineer unit on 21 July. The installation had been previously occupied by German Volkspolizei. The nearby cantonment, consisting of 28 to 32 low wooden barracks buildings, has been reconditioned and is capable of quartering of about 2,000 men. The area between the cantonment and the Elbe River was being surveyed, allegedly preparatory to the construction of a concrete road. (2)

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4. The four concrete AA gun emplacements 700 meters northwest of the Elbe River bridge on the Berlin-Dessau autobahn were not manned on 1 July. Only Soviet sentries were seen at the emplacements. (4)

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Comments.

- (1) The information again confirms the second engineer exercise at Aken [redacted]

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In addition to vehicles of units previously identified, the present report mentions two engineer vehicles of the 207th Mtz Rifle Div [redacted]

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- (2) The Junkers Werkheim Nord had quartered the former 7th Volkspolizei Bereitschaft until December 1950. It is located on the southern edge of Grosseienheide, west

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of Junkers Airfield. The cantonment at Gross Kuehnau was also reported in connection with the first engineer exercise and was believed to have been used as a transient quarters. The cantonment was also mentioned [redacted] coincident to the beginning of the second engineer exercise on 13 July.

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The present report indicates the possibility that the cantonment will become a permanent troop quarters which, in connection with the recent occupation of the Junkers Werkheim by engineer troops and the camp at the former river training site southeast of the Pionier Schule at Rossbau, is suggestive of large-scale engineer training activity. [redacted]

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(3) [redacted] the major belonged to the GOFG in Babelsberg near Potsdam.

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(4) The AA gun emplacements have been reported [redacted]

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